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SUBJECT: INEEL - Operable Unit 10-04 – FFA/CO Deadline for Submittal of Draft Record of Decision – Confirmation of Agreement Regarding Deadline Extension by 30 Calendar Days - (EM-ER-02-019)

REFERENCES: (1) Letter, S. Hobson to K. E. Hain, dated January 23, 2002
(2) Letter, K. E. Hain to S. Hobson, "INEEL - WAGs 6 and 10 – Operable Unit 10-04 – Proposed Plan – Extension of Public Review Period by 30 Calendar Days" (EM-ER-02-014), dated January 25, 2002

Dear Mr. Nygard and Mr. Pierre:

In accordance with Section XIII, "Extensions," of the FFA/CO, this letter formally requests your written concurrence with extending the subject deadline by 30 calendar days (i.e., from April 1, 2002, to May 1, 2002). Our agencies achieved oral agreement on this topic during today's Project Managers' conference call.

DOE believes that good cause exists for the requested extension as provided by 13.2(d) and 13.2 (c). In Reference (1) the INEEL Citizens Advisory Board requested a 30-day extension of the public comment period for reviewing the "Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 10-04." After consultation with each of your agencies, Reference (2) granted the request, thereby extending the end of the public comment period from Wednesday, February 27, 2002, to Friday, March 29, 2002.

The current schedule requires the OU 10-04 Draft Record of Decision (ROD) to be submitted by DOE to your agencies on or before April 1, 2002. With the extended public comment period ending on March 29, 2002, it will be difficult to properly incorporate public comments in the draft ROD. Extension of the FFA/CO deadline to May 1, 2002, will best serve the needs of the public, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and our agencies.

Pierre, Nygard

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If you have any questions concerning this submittal, please call either Glenn Nelson at (208) 526-0077 or me at (208) 526-4392.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen E. Hain".

Kathleen E. Hain, Manager
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cc: R. Poeton, EPA, Region 10, (M/S ECL-113)
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